GOI = Government of India

ECB = External Commercial Borrowings

PFC = Power Finance Corporation

LIC = Life Insurance Corporation of India

DFA = Direct Foreign Assistance

Air Crashes involving Army Helicopters

*50 DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many army helicopters have crashed during 1998-99 and 1999-2000, till date;

(b) what is the nature of losses in terms of men and money; and

(c) whether Government have taken adequate precautionary measures to prevent such disasters in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Two army helicopters have crashed during 1998-99 and thereafter three army helicopters have crashed upto 30th June, 2000.

(b) Two pilots have died in these accidents. The financial loss suffered in these accidents is Rs. 1.24 crores approximately.

(c) Adequate precautionary measures have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such accidents in future, based on the recommendations of the Courts of Inquiry that were ordered to investigate the cause of accidents.

Dues to NTPC

†*51. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (N.T.P.C.), which is an international level thermal power generating company, has to struggle hard in order to recover its outstanding amount from various State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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